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## MONDAY NEXT, 25th JUNE, SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND

### *President's Cup Matches:*

Balmain v. Canterbury-Bankstown, 10.15 a.m.

North Sydney v. St George, 11.30 a.m.

Newtown v. Winner Eastern Subs. & West.  
Districts, 12.45 p.m.

Combined Country & Newcastle v. Metropolis, 2 p.m.  
100 Yards N.S.W. League Championship.

# N.S.W. v. Queensland

at 3.15 p.m.

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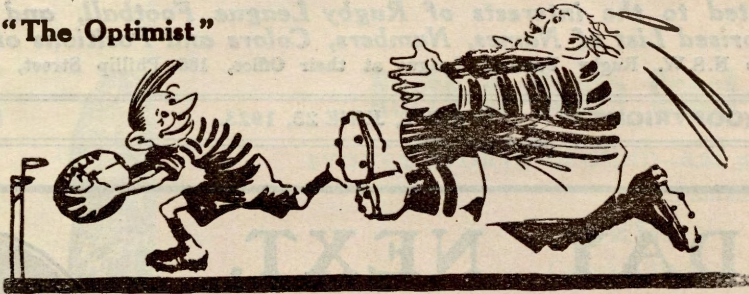
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## MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY AND LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

### League's Enemies again Active.

When Melbourne University thought of embracing the League code, the same narrow and prejudiced interests that have sought (unsuccessfully) to check the advance of the Sydney University League Club since its inception, and that still strive, with a sort of desperate hatred, to raise all the worm-eaten barriers of conservatism and bias against the League enthusiasts within the University, frantically exerted themselves to foster hatred and antagonism against the League in the southern capital. With a cynical disregard of truth it was represented to the President of the Melbourne University Sports Union that the League Club is not recognised in the University of Sydney, that its members are not eligible to join the clubs affiliated to the Sports Union, that their status as amateurs is denied by the latter body and so on ad nauseam. Mr. H. V. Evatt, the enthusiastic President of the Sydney Club, interviewed the President of the Melbourne University Sports Union, and exposed these gross untruths. Mr. Karagheusian, who lectures in French at the Southern University, and who is a keen Rugby enthusiast, is determined to plant the game firmly there, and, largely as a result of his efforts, a team of Melbourne University men are to-day in the field. The New South Wales Rugby Football League generously forwarded a set of jerseys, and the local University Club, though not over flush with money at present, and contemplating heavy expenses in the near future in sending a team North to Brisbane, to contest the Annual University fixture, decided to lift its new allies along by allocating a sum of £25 as a christening present. The prospect of triangular interstate and inter-varsity fixtures in the near future, between the representatives of the three greatest Australian States and the three great-

est Australian Universities, is alluring to League followers and the firm establishment of the code throughout the Commonwealth in the years to come is not beyond the bounds of probability.—H.C.M.

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The thousands who enthused over the sparkling game between Easts and Norths on 9th instant, were somewhat astounded to read in Sunday morning's papers that the scribes reporting were surprised at some of Referee Thornton's decisions. From general observations around the playing area and among the players after the match they were evidently on their own. One scribe refers to the referee giving a mark to a player while he was running. Here is the referee's own explanation of that particular incident:—"The mark awarded to Rigney by me in the East v. North match on 9th instant was a penalty kick against Johnston for off-side."

Referees' decisions at all times are based on matters of fact, in accordance with the Laws and Rules as seen by them, and always explain the reason when giving same. If they are not understood by some spectators 100 yards away, surely they are not to be held responsible for that.

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Mr. E. McFayden is the ideal man to sit on a Committee that has the welfare of the country districts as their main object. Having an excellent knowledge of the various areas that come under their jurisdiction, he—a product of country football in fact—has done yeoman service for League football generally. He was a prominent factor as an official, since 1908, with Western Suburbs, and has held the secretarial reins since 1913 with distinction—a record to be proud of, for the blacks have drained the cups of adversity, as well as tasting the sweets of success.

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### KANGAROOS IN METROP. TEAM.

Included in the Metropolis team to-day are a number of those who toured England with the last Kangaroos in 1921-22. The forwards with one exception, Clarrie Tye, St. George's representative, are all members of that combination. They are a very solid bunch with plenty of pace and avoirdupois, and though some people may question the wisdom of including three lock men in Latta, Watkins, and Gray, the selectors, who are all men of experience, are convinced that no combination could be complete without either.

The men from the North will find them a very tough proposition to overcome, and notwithstanding the giant strides the game is making in Queensland, especially outside the capital, as witness the drubbing administered by Ipswich to a Brisbane XIII. last week-end, viz., 54 to 10—if the visitors can put up anything like the showing of last season, when, after a sensational match, they handed out a substantial defeat to a powerful N.S.W. XIII., the spectators will have seen something that should whet their appetites for the meeting of the Northerners with our State combination on Monday next.

In the back division, which is a very solid and brilliant one, four are Kangaroos, and we hope to see them unwind some of those clockwork movements that made them break all records and set the Home people agog with excitement, and made the tour such a success.

Duncan Thompson, our popular and capable skipper, played in 26 of the 36 matches, Horder 25, Caples 24, and Peters only 4. Of the forwards, Schultz took part in 24, Prentice 25, Gray (injured), 5, Watkins (injured), 11, Latta, 22.



C. H. Evatt, the students' rake, is showing such consistently good form in this position, that, assuming he continues to improve as rapidly as he has done since his entry into the League code, consideration of his claims to represent the State in the near future must earnestly engage the attention of the selectors. So far he has held his own against the representatives of other clubs, and it is safe to surmise that with the assistance of seasoned warriors like Schultz, and a few others, in the front row, he could perform creditably against the best hookers the

was still in evidence, three kicks practically right in front of the goal being missed, making all the difference between defeat and victory. Although experiencing a run of outs at present Balmain are capable of fully extending the strongest opposition, and a change of luck would be greatly appreciated by the watersiders and their staunch supporters.—T. Mc.

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Thrills! Thrills!! And yet more thrills!!! That aptly summarises the clash between the leaders—South Sydney—and Western Suburbs last

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The Goddess of Luck has surely frowned on Balmain in their last four matches. In the first instance against North Sydney, a very lucky bounce of the ball gave Norths what proved to be their winning margin and in the same game Norths secured a goal from a kick which hit both posts and crossbar before going over. The following game against Newtown showed how the element of luck was running against them in Russell's attempt right on time to convert a try, the ball striking the post and bouncing away from the goal, which had it gone over the bar would have given Balmain victory. Also against South Sydney, their bad luck

Saturday at the Sports Ground. Souths had beaten Eastern Suburbs, somewhat easily, while Wests had done likewise, but not by any means so decisively, but then had not Glebe—a mere shadow of bygone Glebe teams—trounced the black-jerseyed men from the suburbs? This being so he was an optimist indeed, who expected Wests to put up such an astounding performance, as to practically annihilate the hitherto unbeaten Southerners. The mere fact of defeating the leaders had not been overlooked by most keen judges, but to think that they would be beaten by such a wide

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margin as 31 (7 tries 5 goals) to 10 (2 tries 2 goals) was enough to take the breath of the wearers of the red and green and their supporters.

The game will stand out in the memory of those who witnessed it as one of the most remarkable exhibitions of sustained stamina that has taken place under the regime of the League, and if there was a lack of those brilliant combined movements that have characterised some other exhibitions which we have had the pleasure to watch, one must take off his hat, both to the excellence of the Suburbanites in their wonderful dashes goalwards, as also to the dogged exhibition of pluck by the Southerners, when they were fighting a forlorn hope, for never for one moment did they relax their efforts to get their somewhat demoralised attacking machinery in order.

The fates, however, were against them—and also the black-jerseyed demons—and on the day's play there can be no shadow of a doubt as to who was the superior side—both back and forward. At times the avalanche of Westerners storming through a breach made it appear that there were about twenty-six on the field instead of the bare thirteen. As the game surged up and down the field, first Wests and then Souths attacking, the thousands of spectators cheered and threw their hats in the air in an incessant din that must have made the onlookers in the other grounds adjacent think they had gone crazy, for there is no gainsaying the fact that the majority of sport followers are invariably in favor of the underdog, when he has a chance to overthrow the champion.

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Never since the hey-day of Bert Gilbert have the Westerners had such a brilliant and evenly-balanced side, and credit must be freely given to those officials responsible with the selectors for persevering with and making such a signal success of a band of young players who have all the credentials and ability that go hand in hand to make great players who will in turn make history in Rugby for Australia.

When evergreen Tedda Courtney scored making a characteristic dive at the right moment, taking a pass beautifully in his stride, the cheering was something to remember, for Ted is a great favorite with the fans—and rightly so, too. Always up in the van, wherever the game was thickest, taking and giving a pass like a crack three-quarter, anon toeing through a breach in Souths' defence, there was to be seen the fair hair of one of the greatest forwards Australasian Rugby has ever produced.

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Players of the calibre of F. Mc-Millan, the Western Suburbs' full-back are few and far between, and he is without doubt a champion in the making, if he has not already arrived, as his many admirers insist is so. Opposed to such an admitted pastmaster as Howard Hallett, he acquitted himself in no uncertain manner, and though the veteran did some wonderful saving from time to time, the honors of the game will go down in history as belonging to the Westerners. The manner in which he fielded and caught the ball in the air was worthy of a first-class cricketer, and seldom have we seen such a fine exponent at getting off the mark, beating following forwards, and making splendid attacking movements possible by starting his three-quarters going in an irresistible rush goalwards, that once or twice led to points for his side. A truly excellent display, and it is pleasing indeed to see our State selectors (Messrs. Flegg, Ball, and Craig) so ready to recognise merit as to give him an opportunity to-day to prove that he has the goods to deliver.

H. J. Leddy was again a high-strung star, combining excellently with his halves and three-quarters, and incidentally he added to his tally of tries by notching another. It has become a habit, with the Westerner.

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At the opening of the season the Watersiders from Balmain were very optimistic regarding their chances of annexing the premiership, or at least running well up among the

leaders, and it is somewhat of a surprise to see them figuring in the third lowest position on the list. No doubt their inability to fill the full-back position is responsible for a deal of their non-success, and they are indeed unfortunate in not being able to unearth a capable man, for they surely have tried out enough in the position. W. Craig has up to date been the utility man of the side, and fills the bill as full-back creditably. Nothing has a more demoralising effect on a team than to have doubts regarding the stability of your last line of defence.

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Notwithstanding their low position on the competition table, University, although losing all seven matches played to date, have only failed to register a try once, that being against Balmain, who held them down to a single goal. The class of football shown by the students is excellent, and when it is taken into consideration the number of disabilities they labor under this season owing to the loss of such a fine bunch of players as they have suffered, they are to be complimented on their pluck and the fine exhibition they have put up, principally when the opposition is strongest.

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Coaches Billy Kelly and Sand Pearce are confident that their charges will yet emerge on the top of the tree, if not in 1923, then in the near future, for the players who are just now representing the blue and gold will all be available, for the next couple of seasons, and if they can manage to bring along a back division that can compare with their forward brigade, then the day is not far distant when we shall see those teeming thousands of lovers of good, clever football cheering on the students when opposed to some of the cracks of the day. There is a lack of experience among the back division that can only be acquired in the hard school of time—for there is abundance of ability available.



## Rugby League at the 'Varsity.

### IMPORTANT MEETING.

At last it appears that the democratic opinion of students is beginning to make itself felt in sporting circles at the 'Varsity. At a general meeting of all undergraduates at the University, on Monday last, the proposed compulsory levy of ten shillings and six pence, which would entitle undergraduates to attend matches played on the 'Varsity Oval was unanimously rejected. If the proposal were carried it would have meant in effect, that all students would be compelled to pay ten shillings and six pence to watch Rugby Union football matches during the winter season, as the Sports Union (the controlling body) refuses to allow Rugby League Matches to be played on the oval.

As one Rugby League student put it at the meeting, much confusion would have been saved, by discussing the question whether it was desirable to make the purchase of Rugby Union season tickets compulsory for all undergraduates.

However, the climax came when a censure motion on the Sports Union itself, for its incompetence in carrying out its official duties was unanimously and enthusiastically carried.

For the benefit of readers it might be mentioned that the Sports Union, is the controlling body of 'Varsity sport, which refused to allow University League men to train on the 'Varsity oval this season. Despite the fact that they had gone to considerable expense in the installation of electric light for night training, and which further preferred to allow the oval to remain idle last Saturday rather than accept the tender of the N.S.W. Rugby League, who proposed to arrange for the 'Varsity v. North Sydney match to be played there.

Several prominent undergraduates expressed disgust and resentment at the manner in which the Sports Union has treated the University League Club. It is not surprising that many 'Varsity League supporters look on the censure motion as "the writing on the wall," and are asking, will the Sports Union carry on in the face of the democratic opposition of the general body of undergraduates?

## PROGRAMME.

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## Final High School Championship.

### University Challenge Shield,

SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND—11.30 a.m.

Saturday, June 23, 1922.

#### GOULBURN.

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##### FULL-BACK:

1—L. Wilton

##### THREE-QUARTERS:

2—K. English K. Oldfield—4  
3—H. Bowditch (C.)

A. Wilden—5

##### HALVES:

6—N. Johnson M. Gray—7

##### FORWARDS:

8—C. Johnstone W. Todkill—9  
10—J. Ford D. Sellick—11  
12—K. Iverach J. Ward—13

##### RESERVES:

14—H. Read M. Lynch—15  
16—R. Roberts

Referee—E. Buckley.

Touch Judges—E. Shaw and J. Buchanan.

#### PARRAMATTA.

##### FULL-BACK:

1—A. Smairl

##### THREE-QUARTERS:

2—H. Mortimer H. Edwards—3  
5—F. McKean E. Thornely—4

##### HALVES:

6—L. Benand A. Galloway—7

##### FORWARDS:

8—E. Lawson E. Jeffrey—9  
10—J. Raimer L. Walsh—11  
12—K. Best J. Normyle—13

##### RESERVES:

14—A. Breakspeare G. Osborne—15

### Reserve Grade Table.

	W.	L.	D.	E.	F.	A.	Pts.
Balmain .. ..	5	0	0	1	63	32	14
South Sydney ..	5	1	0	1	83	23	12
North Sydney ..	4	2	0	1	65	50	10
West. Suburbs ..	3	3	0	1	54	43	8
East. Suburbs ..	3	3	0	1	43	51	8
Glebe .. .. .	3	3	1	1	46	45	7
Newtown ....	2	4	0	0	63	65	6
St. George .. .	1	4	1	1	40	63	5
University .. .	0	7	0	0	44	117	0

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R. R. Craig, one of the most able and popular members of the League, is also well fitted for the position he occupies as selector, the position is no new one to "Bob" for he has been selecting Balmain teams as far back as well—. Having toured the world twice (with the Wallabies and Kangaroos)—he is surely armed with that inside knowledge of what constitutes a footballer and what will spell success. A genial personality, added to a most remarkable athletic career, makes "Bob" a credit to Australia.



R. R. CRAIG.



W. A. CANN.

W. A. Cann is one of the most experienced judges in the movement and the knowledge he has acquired from a lengthy period of activity on the field in both codes that has served to make his name a household word in Rugby the world over, and also as a legislator for the advancement of the code on both sides of the globe, fits him admirably for the position he holds as selector. As joint manager of the 1921-22 Kangaroos he had ample opportunity of judging the strength of the team John Bull is likely to send out, and therefore he will leave no stone unturned to put the Australian side in the field to regain the world's Rugby football ashes.

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### Combined Country 1st v. Newcastle.

SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND—2 p.m.

Saturday, June 23, 1923.

#### COMBINED COUNTRY 1STS.

Colors—Red, White, and Blue.

##### FULL-BACK:

13—J. McMurtrie (W.)

##### THREE-QUARTERS:

9—H. Flanagan (N.)

J. Slattery (F.N.C.)—10

11—S. Huicksman (S.)

E. Weisell (S.)—12

##### HALVES:

7—B. Quinliven (N.C.)

D. Harrington (W.)—8

##### FORWARDS:

1—T. Brogan (S.)

S. Nunon (F.N.C.)—2

3—L. Armbuster (F.N.C.)

V. Murphy (S.C.B.)—4

5—B. Richardson (N.C.)

M. Payne (S.)—6

#### NEWCASTLE.

Colors—Red and Green.

##### FULL-BACK:

13—Hodgins

##### THREE-QUARTERS:

12—Millington

Griffen,—11

10—Davies

Williams—9

##### HALVES:

8—Hughes

Pugh—7

##### FORWARDS:

6—Randall

Toll—5

4—Dawson

Turner—3

2—Field

Quinn—1

##### RESERVES:

14—Porter

Griffen—15

Referee—W. Neill.

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SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND—3.15 p.m.

Saturday, June 23, 1923.

#### METROPOLIS.

Colors—Red and Black.

#### FULL-BACK:

13—F. McMillan

#### THREE-QUARTERS:

12—H. Horder J. Robinson—11  
10—H. Peters F. Yanz—9

#### HALVES:

7—H. Caples  
D. Thompson (C.)—8

#### FORWARDS:

1—B. Gray J. Watkins—2  
3—R. Latta W. Schultz—4  
5—C. Prentice C. Tye—6

#### RESERVES:

14—F. Ryan A. Johnston—16  
15—H. J. Leddy J. Toohey—17

#### QUEENSLAND.

Colors—Maroon.

#### FULL-BACK:

1—E. Fraunfelder (Ips.)

#### THREE-QUARTERS:

2—W. Spencer (T'ba.)  
F. Gorman (T'ba.)—3  
4—E. S. Brown (T'ba.)  
W. Paten (Ips.)—5  
14—C. Aynsley (Bris.)

(One to be omitted.)

#### HALVES:

16—J. Hunt (Ips.)  
J. McBrien—6  
C. Connell (N.Q.)—15

7—J. Craig (Capt.) (Ips.)  
(Two to be omitted.)

#### FORWARDS:

8—J. Bennett (Brisbane)  
A. Henderson (Bris.)—9  
10—N. Potter (C.Q.)  
T. Tierney (Bris.)—11  
12—C. Broadfoot (T'ba.)  
A. Brown (Ips.)—13  
17—J. Purcell (T'ba.)  
P. Parcells (Ips.)—18  
19—J. Jackson (Ips.)  
(Three to be omitted.)

Referee—T. McMahon.

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## Next Saturday's Matches.

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Balmaln v. Western Suburbs.

Glébe v. Eastern Suburbs.

South Sydney v. St George.

Newtown v. North Sydney.

University a bye.

## PROGRAMME.

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## Combined Country 2nds v. Combined Reserve Grade.

SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND—12.45 p.m.

Saturday, June 23, 1928.

### COMBINED COUNTRY 2NDS.

Colors—Maroon and Blue.

FULL-BACK:

13—V. Blundell (S.)

THREE-QUARTERS:

9—F. Morrow (S.C.)

J. Riordan (F.N.C.)—10

11—E. Wallace (N.C.)

L. Campbell (F.N.C.)—12

HALVES:

8—N. O'Neill (S.C.)

S. Olivera (F.N.C.)—7

FORWARDS:

4—V. Linnane (W.)

J. Brookfield (S.C.)—5

6—J. Quinlin (S.)

T. Caddell (S.C.)—2

3—A. Wilkie (N.)

B McIntyre (W.)—1

RESERVES:

—R. Burg (N.) H. Taylor (N.)—16

—W. O'Shea (N.C.)

J. Cornett (S.)—17

14—E. Walker (W.)

H. Watts (S.C.)—15

Referee—A. Thornton.

### COMBINED RESERVE GRADE.

Colors—Black and Gold.

FULL-BACK:

13—D. Hickey (S.S.)

THREE-QUARTERS:

9—R. O'Brien (U.)

R. Booth (S.S.)—10

11—R. Burke (S.S.)

J. Lodge (G.)—12

HALVES:

8—P. Regan (G.)

F. Egan (H.S.)—7

FORWARDS:

6—T. Killiby (St. G.)

W. Coady (S.S.)—5

2—T. Jones (N.)

G. Bishop (Bal.)—3

4—O. Reid (N.S.)

T. Fitzpatrick (H.S.)—1

RESERVES:

14—W. Sadlier (St. G.)

P. Goodman (W.S.)—17

15—N. Robinson (B.)

W. O'Shea (B.)—16

Touch Judges—F. Delaney and H. Millington

## President's Cup.

### Eastern Suburbs v. Western Districts.

SYDNEY SPORTS GROUND—3.15 p.m.

Saturday, June 23, 1928.

#### EASTERN SUBURBS.

Colors—Red, White and Blue

FULL-BACK:

13—G. Knight

THREE-QUARTERS:

15—A. Newcombe J. Lynch—11

14—J. McGee A. Farmillo—12

HALVES:

8—J. Duncan J. Peoples—7

FORWARDS:

5—J. Craig J. Clarke—6

1—F. Marshall R. Simmonds—4

17—E. Reeves G. Rosenfeld—3

RESERVES:

16—G. Broughton R. Sully—2

9—J. Quealey S. Dickman—10

Referee—N. McDonald.

#### WESTERN DISTRICTS.

FULL-BACK:

13—E. Keys

THREE-QUARTERS:

12—J. Greaves W. Pugh—11

10—L. Paul W. Thorndyke—9

HALVES:

7—C. Waters (C.) E. Devine—8

FORWARDS:

6—J. Argent A. Keegan—5

4—E. Cutcliffe F. Matterson—3

2—T. Newman G. Sheen—1

FORWARDS:

14—W. Twaite H. Pillen—17

15—W. Bailey W. Doolan—16

Touch Judges—W. Nutt and W. Davis



## LUCK.

What's the use of having forwards, who are always on the ball?  
Or a rake who heels the leather every time?  
Or a nippy little scrum-half, who shivers over one and all?  
Or a safe, unerring full-back in his prime?  
What's the use of having wingers, who can always stand the test?  
Or a pair of dashing centres full of pluck?  
Or a brilliant combination? Why, the thing to-day that's best  
Is not so much the playing, but the Luck.  
With the forwards in the ruck,  
What predominates is luck,  
It shines above all other things to-day;  
Though they play with dash and pluck,  
If they have not got the luck,  
They cannot hope to win out in the fray.  
What's the use of having tacklers, who will never miss their man?  
Or a kicker who can always find the line?  
Or a chap to give the dummy as no other player can?  
Or a lock-man playing brilliantly and fine?  
What's the use of passing rushes, or most anything at all?  
Or a forward who's a master in the ruck?  
For the thing to-day that matters in the game of Rugby 'Ball,  
Is not so much ability, but Luck.

In the loose or in the ruck,  
What predominates is luck,  
It's as fickle as the flappers of to-day.  
Clever play with dash and pluck,  
Counts as nought without the luck,  
For it acts as "referee" of ev'ry fray.  
—C.B.

Only on one occasion in the first grade this season has a team failed to register points. That was when Eastern Suburbs kept St. George from scoring, while succeeding in landing but two goals themselves—4 to nil. Saints, last Saturday, registered their third victory for the season, and Reg. Fusedale also registered a vow that never more will the red and white stripes fail to open their scoring account.

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CORNER KING AND CASTLEREAGH STREETS  
**SURREY HOTEL**

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Country centres are requested to make direct application to the League secretary when desirous of engaging the services of a coach.

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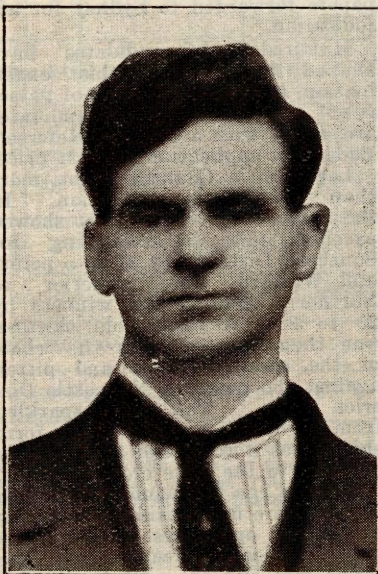


# League Football in the Country.

## WHAT THE HEAD BODY IS DOING AND HAS DONE TO FOSTER THE GAME.

(By F. B. Geoghegan.)

A brief outline of the League's work amongst the Country Branches in the past, and its aims and aspirations for the future, is appropriate to the Monster Country Carnival now in progress. Country Football has always received the fullest encouragement and support from the governing body in Sydney, but it is only in the last three seasons that such gigantic progress has been made in the organisation and general development of the code in the country areas. The advent of the Country Committee, (the first personnel of which was Messrs. W. Cann, J. Chaseling, L. Scholfield, and E. McFayden), signalised a new era for our rural friends, and a determined start was made in the huge task of arranging the centres into groups. Every effort was made to bring together towns that are easily accessible to one another, so that inter-town and inter-group matches can be arranged with the minimum amount of expense and time involved in travelling. Each



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group was to be self-supporting and self-controlling. Headquarters were established, the choice in each case being guided by the size and central position of the town in the particular group. The opinions of the Leagues concerned, were also given due consideration.

The grouping as finalised was—

**GROUP 1.**—Headquarters: Lismore (583 miles from Sydney). Murrumbidgee, Mullumbimby, Byron Bay, Lismore, Casino, Kyogle, Coraki, Maclean, Grafton, Glenreagh, Dorrigo, Bangalow.

**GROUP 2.**—Headquarters: Kempsey (313 miles from Sydney). Dungog, Gloucester, Wingham, Taree, Wauchope, Kempsey, Macksville, Raleigh, Bellingen, Coffs Harbour.

**GROUP 3.**—Headquarters: Wyong (63 miles from Sydney). Gosford, Wyong, Dora Creek.

**GROUP 4.**—Headquarters: Murrumbidgee (219 miles from Sydney). Singleton, Muswellbrook, Scone, Merriwa, Murrumbidgee, Quirindi, Werriwa Creek, Maitland.

**GROUP 5.**—Headquarters: Armidale (350 miles from Sydney). Tamworth, Walcha, Armidale, Glen Innes, Tenterfield, Guyra.

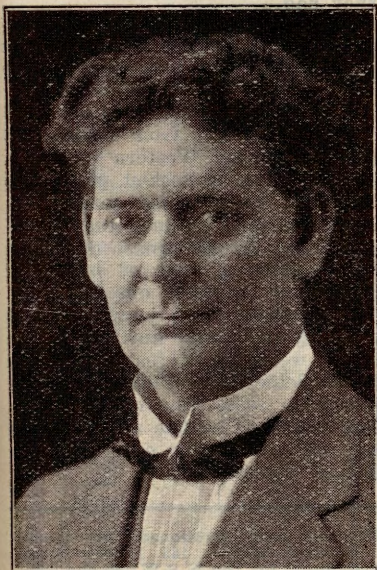
**GROUP 6.**—Headquarters: Bowral (81 miles from Sydney). Picton, West Bargo, Mittagong, Bowral, Moss Vale, Exeter, Bundanoon, Marulan.

**GROUP 7.**—Headquarters: Kiama (71 miles from Sydney). Wollongong, Kiama, Nowra, Berry, Dapto, Woonona, Bombo, Gerringong, Shellharbour.

**GROUP 8.**—Headquarters: Goulburn (136 miles from Sydney). Queanbeyan, Goulburn, Cooma, Nimitabel, Crookwell, Gurrundah, Wheeo, Laggan, Yass, Taralga, Gunning, Bombala.

**GROUP 9.**—Headquarters: Harden (236 miles from Sydney). Harden, Wagga, Cootamundra, Gundagai, Tumut, Temora, Wyalong, Barmedman, West Wyalong, Mildil, Ariah Park, Ardlethan, Junee, Griffith.

**GROUP 10.**—Headquarters: Bathurst (145 miles from Sydney). Katoomba, Lithgow, Portland, Mudgee, Bathurst, Blayney, Barry, Noville, Carcoar, Lyndhurst, Cowra.



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## COUNTRY REFEREEING.



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**GROUP 11.**—Headquarters: Orange (196 miles from Sydney). Orange, Molong, Parkes, Condoblin, Wellington, Dubbo, Coonamble.

**GROUP 12.**—Headquarters: Narrabri (359 miles from Sydney). Gunnedah, Boggabri, Narrabri, Bellata, Moree, Mungundi, Inverell, Wee Waa, Burren Junction, Walgett, Collarenebri.

It has since been found advisable to transfer headquarters in groups 5 and 9, from Murrurundi to Maitland, and from Harden to Cootamundra respectively.

Mudgee has been made a sub-centre of Group 10.

The next important step was the inauguration of a Inter-Group Shield Competition, and for this purpose the head body donated four handsome silver shields to be competed for annually. The shields cannot be won outright and the groups were arranged into the following divisions:—

- A.—North and North West (Groups 4, 5 and 12.)
- B.—West (Groups 10 and 11.)
- C.—North Coast (Groups 1 and 2).
- D.—South and South Coast (Groups 6, 7, 8, and 9).

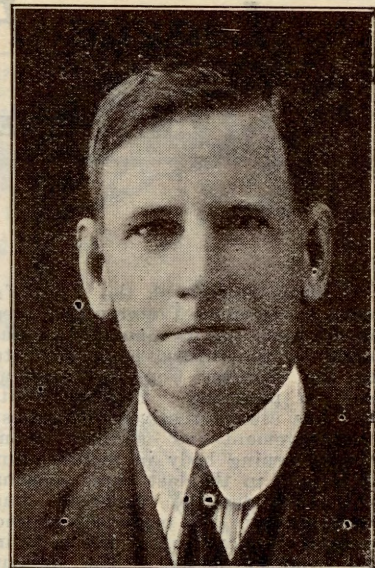
The competitions were finalised in Nos. A. and D. Divisions only. Group No. 1 (Armidale headquarters) winning in the former, and Group No. 8 (Goulburn headquarters) in the latter.

Having moved so substantially in the matter of improving the players, steps were next taken to uplift the standard of country refereeing, and to this end a referee's postal examination was instituted. The procedure is for a Justice of the Peace, nominated by the Country League to conduct an examination on a set of questions forwarded from Head Office and the completed papers forwarded to Sydney for adjudication.

Hundreds of candidates have availed themselves of this examination, but the percentage of passes is not great. Successful candidates are issued with a Country Referee's Badge, on application, at cost price.

Last year's Country Week more than justified the innovation. In the first series North Coast showed excellent form in accounting for Southern Districts by 31 to 6 points and Western were superior to Northern, running out winners by 20 to 3. A formidable thirteen was then selected from the whole of the country talent and pitted against the powerful Newcastle District Team. The game sparkled from beginning to end and the form shown was a revelation and greatly pleasing to the huge crowd present. Newcastle ran out winners by 28 to 26, but were not considered superior to their opponents on the day's play. A pleasing feature of the series was the splendid bearing of the North Coast side, who, taking the field, headed by their captain, each player in Indian file, marched in step, to the centre of the ground. O. L. Quinliven and H. Armbuster, members of this team, were later on in the season selected to represent the State.

Emboldened by the great success attending the 1922 venture the League decided to make the present carnival an even bigger feature, considering neither expense or sacrifice of work and time on the part of its officers and committeemen. It is justifiably claimed that the programme is the most ambitious scheme ever attempted in connection with Country Sport. The cost, estimated at £1200, will be cheerfully borne in the interests of the development of the code throughout the State. It is the ambition of the League that in the near future a Combined Country Team will be produced, capable of extending and even defeating the best Metropolitan side offering. Country is also looked to supply men to help battle against the Englishmen, both here (in 1924) and in England (in 1925-26). In the meantime the work of perfecting the organisation



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will be pressed on with, and Country Leagues are asked to render every assistance within their power.

Go to the head of the Glebe thirteen and one will find a fund of "Gray" matter.

St. Georgeites reckon that as an all-rounder, Saunders has his good points.—34 of 'em!

"In South backs Hallett and Johnston stood out."—Balmain wish they had.

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Combined back play is not of a very high order this season, barring perhaps North and South Sydney, and it is pleasing to see some brilliant displays from members of other teams. Western Suburbs, once a force to reckon with, have been out of luck for several seasons, but form to date augurs well for their future prospects. Their backs show a deal of brilliancy, the latest to show out being F. Yanz, whose clean handling, good running and clever kicking and defence were bright features of the W.S. victory over University. Yanz has been some time coming good, but now that he has arrived more can be confidently expected from him.—"Verrey."

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## PREMIERSHIP AND CITY CUP RESULTS.

Win counts 2 points. Bye counts 2 points. Draw counts 1 point	Belmain.	East Suburbs	Glebe.	Newtown.	North Sydney.	South Sydney	St. George.	University.	West Suburbs	Played.	Byes.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Tries.		Goals.		Points.		Premiership Points.	City Cup Pts
	For.	Against.	For.	Against.	For.	Against.	For.	Against.	For.	Against.	For.	Against.	For.	Against.	For.	Against.	For.	Against.	For.	Against.	For.	Against.
Belmain .....	Bye	..	L 5-7	D 7-7	L 12-17	L 3-7	W 24-8	W 15-2	..	6	1	2	3	1	14	8	12	11	66	48	7	1
Eastern Suburbs ..	..	Bye	..	W 14-8	W 16-8	L 5-15	W 4-0	W 21-5	L 14-19	6	1	4	2	..	14	13	16	8	74	55	10	..
Glebe .....	W 7-5	..	Bye	L 6-20	L 5-16	L 7-18	L 7-17	..	W 15-7	6	1	2	4	..	11	17	7	16	47	83	6	..
Newtown .....	D 7-7	L 8-14	W 20-6	..	..	L 10-33	L 12-14	W 14-3	L 17-27	7	..	2	4	1	18	24	17	16	88	104	5	..
North Sydney ....	W 17-12	L 8-16	W 16-5	..	Bye	..	W 18-11	W 19-8	W 17-16	6	1	5	1	..	21	14	16	18	95	68	12	..
South Sydney ...	W 7-3	W 15-5	W 18-7	W 33-10	..	Bye	..	W 21-9	L 10-31	6	1	5	1	..	22	15	19	10	104	65	12	..
St. George .....	L 8-24	L 0-4	W 17-7	W 14-12	L 11-18	..	Bye	W 19-9	..	6	1	3	3	..	15	16	14	11	69	74	8	..
University .....	L 2-15	L 5-21	..	L 3-14	L 8-19	L 9-21	L 9-19	..	L 9-19	7	..	..	7	..	11	30	6	21	45	123	0	..
Western Suburbs	...	W 9-14	L 7-15	W 27-17	L 16-17	W 31-1	..	W 19-9	Bye	6	1	4	2	...	29	18	16	14	119	82	10	..

Premiership Competition.—Each team meets one another twice. The team with the greatest number of competition points will be declared the premiers. In the event of two or more teams being equal they must play off.  
City Cup Competition.—Each team meets one another. The competition being run in conjunction with the second round of the Premiership Competition, the first then plays the third, and the second plays the fourth. The two winners then play off for the final.

## INDIVIDUAL SCORES.

BALMAIN—				NEWTOWN—				ST. GEORGE—			
	Tries.	Goals.	Points								
W. Craig .....	5	—	15	J. Day .....	—	16	32	N. Shadlow .....	4	—	12
M. Russell .....	2	10	26	A. See .....	4	—	12	F. Saunders .....	4	11	34
R. Latta .....	1	—	3	H. Cavanaugh ..	2	—	6	A. Traynor .....	2	—	6
H. Watt .....	1	—	3	F. Ryan .....	1	—	3	H. Flower .....	1	—	3
G. Robinson .....	2	3	12	G. Gaudry .....	6	—	18	C. Tye .....	1	—	3
D. Millard .....	2	—	6	A. Bolewski .....	1	1	5	F. Hume .....	1	—	3
				D. Seddon .....	2	—	6	T. Burns .....	1	—	3
				G. Clamback .....	1	—	3	E. Laplam .....	1	—	3
				J. Mansted .....	1	—	3	G. Carstairs .....	—	1	2
EASTERN SUBURBS—				NORTH SYDNEY—				UNIVERSITY—			
	Tries.	Goals.	Points								
L. Steel .....	3	—	9	H. Peters .....	6	—	18	C. H. Munro .....	1	—	3
A. Oxford .....	2	16	38	G. Johnson .....	1	—	3	T. Linskey .....	1	6	15
H. Holmes .....	3	—	9	J. C. Ives .....	2	—	6	R. Dunworth .....	2	—	6
G. Wright .....	1	—	3	J. Fye .....	2	—	6	M. Cunningham ..	2	—	6
J. Dawson .....	3	—	9	H. Horder .....	7	1	23	E. Ryan .....	2	—	6
W. Ives .....	1	—	3	C. Blinkhorn .....	1	—	3	T. Barry .....	1	—	3
C. Abotomey .....	1	—	3	D. Hodgins .....	0	10	20	Wal. Murphy .....	1	—	3
				A. Faull .....	1	—	3	B. Terry .....	1	—	3
				R. Farnell .....	1	—	3				
				W. Warner .....	—	3	6				
				D. Thompson .....	—	2	4				
GLEBE—				SOUTH SYDNEY—				WESTERN SUBURBS—			
	Tries.	Goals.	Points								
J. Toohey .....	1	—	3	B. Wearing .....	7	—	21	G. Stettler .....	6	6	30
T. James .....	2	—	6	T. Barry .....	1	—	3	H. J. Leddy .....	5	—	15
W. Benson .....	1	—	3	V. Lawrence .....	3	—	9	W. McCabe .....	1	—	3
R. Liston .....	—	2	4	O. Quinliven .....	2	5	16	L. Yanz .....	1	—	3
W. Cockburn .....	3	—	9	P. Murphy .....	3	—	9	E. Doig .....	1	7	17
E. Goddard .....	3	—	9	J. Lawrence .....	2	13	32	J. Drew .....	1	—	3
J. Redmond .....	—	3	6	A. Johnston .....	2	—	6	W. Collins .....	3	—	9
B. Gray .....	1	—	3	A. O'Connor .....	1	—	3	N. Matterson .....	3	—	9
C. Ricketts .....	—	2	4	P. Horne .....	—	1	2	F. Yanz .....	4	—	12
				W. Cameron .....	1	—	3	R. McMillan .....	—	2	4
								E. Courtney .....	2	—	6
								R. Lindfield .....	1	—	3
								C. Fifield .....	1	—	3





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